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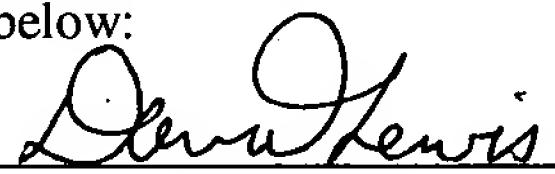
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir,

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

In the claims

In claim 1, line 6 replace "damaging" with - - damage - -.

In claim 9, line 1, replace "conductor" with - - conducting core - -.

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